SHARMA : (a) to (d) In tune with Government's policy of attracting private investment in the hydrocarbon sector, Government has also invited Japanese companies to participate in investment in oil exploration in India. The terms offered to Japanese companies would be similar to those offered to other companies, that is, these would be production-sharing contracts between Government, ONGC/OIL & private companies with production of petroleum being shared between Government and the private companies after recovery of costs by the private companies. The response by the Japanese companies is awaited.

मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के लिए रेल सम्पर्क

355. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को गुना-शिवपुरी-ग्वालियर-भिण्ड-इटावा निर्माणाधीन रेल लाइन के ग्वालियर-भिण्ड भाग के बीच संरेखण पर पुनः विचार कर मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को रेल लाइन से जोड़ने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित मार्ग परिवर्तन पर कितना अतिरिक्त व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को सेवा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए ऐसे मार्ग परिवर्तन संबंधी प्रस्ताव पर विचार करेगी जिसमें अधिक व्यय अन्तर्ग्रस्त नहीं है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) जी हां, 55 लाख रुपये ।

(ख) प्रस्ताव पहले ही अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है ।

Modernisation of Railway Stations

356. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise Railway Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted for the purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether Hyderabad and Waltair Stations of Andhra Pradesh are included in the modernisation scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocations made during the last three years are as under :

Year	Allocation
	(Rs. in lakh)
1990-91	2198.64
1991-92	1659.83
1992-93	8122.22

(c) and (d) Development works at Hyderabad—cost Rs. 150.00 lakhs and Visakhapatnam (formerly Waltair —cost Rs. 94.90 lakhs in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been taken up.

Setting up a Railway Division at Rangiya of Assam

357. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision so far in regard to declare Rangiya of Assam as Divisional Headquarter of N. F. Railway; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Goverment are aware that numerous representations/appeals have been made by the people of Assam since a long time for setting up of a Railway Division at Rangiya ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Railway Reforms Committee (RRC) which examined the representations and carried out an indep h study on the subject, did not recommend creation of new Division at Rangiya.

Introduction of an Express Train between Kanyakumari and Coimbatore via Alleppy

358. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce an express train between Kanyakumari and Coimbatore via Alleppy in order to connect Southern Tamil Nadu with this industrial city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount recovered from Stalls/Shops by the Railways

359. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state :

(a) what are the detail's of the amount covered from all other vending contractors ing contractor in circulating area of Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta in the shape of ground rent and licence fee etc; and

(b) what are the details of amount recovered from all other vending contractors of circulating areas at stations in Indian Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Costs of construction of a rail link between Kovvur and Bhadrachalam

360. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1921 given in the Rajya Sabha on he 10th March, 1993 and state :

(a) what would be the present cost of construction of rail link between kovvur and Bhadrachalam, a distance of 149 kms; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up this rail link in the event of funds being raised from the local people and State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) and (b) The last survey done in 1971 estimated the cost at Rs. 10.39 crores. The rate of return was only 3.8% The project being unremunerative could not be considered. As the cost estimated only after survey, the present cost cannot be indicated. There is no proposal to take up this work.

अलाभकारी रेलगाड़ियां चलाने पर करोड़ों रुपये का नुकसान

361. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :

श्री एन. गिरिप्रसाद :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में सरकार द्वारा अलाभकारी रेल मार्गों पर रेलगाड़ियां चलाने के कारण रेलवे को 1,500 करोड़ रुपये वार्षिक नुकसान हो रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ग) इस प्रकार के अलाभकारी मार्ग देश के किस-किस क्षेत्र में हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन मार्गों को लाभकारी बनाने के लिए इन मार्गों का विस्तार